

## USES BREAD CARD

German Empress Sets Example to Women of Nation.

She Observes All Meatless Days Just as They Do.

## MODEL GERMAN HOUSEWIFE

Restrictions as to Use of Food Scrupulously Obeyed.

Kaiser Praises Women for Their Devotion to Nation.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Empress Augusta Victoria is using a bread card for herself and all the members of her household the same as any other German housewife. Meatless and fasting days are kept in the royal households as scrupulously as in any other German home.

To the German empress may well be accorded the title "The Model German Housewife." The way she keeps her household in accordance with the letter and spirit of the laws framed for the purpose of national economy must be an inspiring example to the rest of German womanhood.

**Kickers Among Women.**  
You will find doubters, kickers and cranks even among German women. It is no pleasure to stand in front of a butter and egg store for an hour or more just to have a quarter pound of butter doled out to you and hear some one say "I bet women in high places are not restricted the way we are!"

The woman in the highest place is of course the empress herself. Accordingly a statement as to restriction in her household was given out as follows:

"All the restrictions as to the use of food are most scrupulously obeyed at the imperial court. This includes the non-use of pork on the one porkless day of the week, as well as the use of the bread card which limits the daily consumption of bread to 250 grams per head."

## Sells All Copper.

"Besides all the copper that could be spared has been sold to the government and the rest has been declared confiscated as prescribed by law. All medals have been simplified to the utmost and are served in the plainest manner."

What German womanhood has done is highly praised by the German emperor in a telegram sent to Louise, the grand duchess of Baden.

The Kaiser says:

"In these onerous times the German woman has proved herself equal to her great task. Faithful, faithful, inspiring and full of confidence, she has lent her helping hand in all fields of endeavor, thus following the example so admirably set by Germany's princesses."

## REFUSE KIN BODIES

Denied Right to Exhume Identified Victims of Lusitania.

Queenstown, Dec. 28.—The bodies of a number of American victims of the Lusitania disaster must lie on foreign soil until they crumble into dust, the urban district council of Queens-town decreed today.

Most of them are women and girls. They were dragged from the water days and even weeks after the big liner was torpedoed off the Irish coast. Identification at first was impossible and they were buried in cheap coffins in one of the dreariest cemeteries in Ireland, about a mile from town. Later their identity was established through photographs.

But the authorities today finally refused all public appeals of American relatives that they be allowed to exhume the bodies and give them proper burial in America.

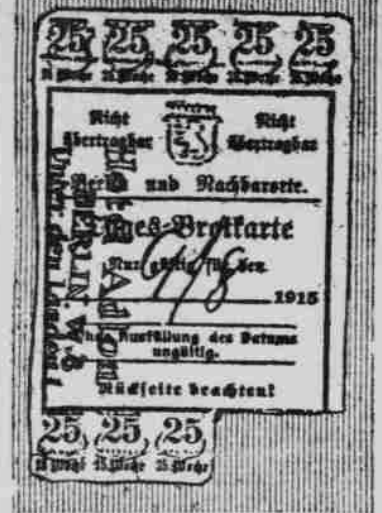
The council informed American Ambassador Frost, who for months has been adding the relatives, that exhumation would imperil public health. Religious scruples are said to constitute the real reason for the refusal.

The council is made up of shopkeepers, schoolmasters and one cab driver. They are said to oppose disinterment from consecrated ground.

Among those whose relatives are most anxious to return their bodies to home soil are Mrs. Eva Finch, of Boston; Mrs. C. A. Anderson, of Pittsburgh; and Miss Elizabeth Scowme, of New York.

## BREAD BY TICKET

RULE IN GERMANY



Bread tickets such as this are issued every day by the burgomasters of German cities, and they entitle each person to go to the bakery and receive 250 grams of bread. The color of the ticket is changed every day, so that there will be no danger of duplication.

of Concord, Mass. The Scowme family particularly desires to bury the girl's body beside that of her twin brother, Percy, another victim of the Lusitania tragedy in the family lot at Concord. The two were on the way to England to engage in Red Cross work when the liner was sunk. The burial ground is in an isolated valley. The graves are covered with heavy moss. Presumably, the flimsy coffins are rapidly falling to pieces and the painted numbers on board headposts by which identification was preserved, are fading away before the wind and rain.

## GIVE WAR VIEWS

Allies in Perfect Accord, Says Robert Bacon.

Russia Preparing Drive on Germans and Bulgars.

New York, Dec. 28.—The American ambulance work in Paris is costing a thousand dollars a day, according to Robert Bacon, former ambassador to France. Mr. Bacon, one of the heads of the work, arrived in New York today. The scope of the work had been greatly broadened, he added.

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## ISAACS WRITES IN

Former Employee of White Insurance Co. Heard From.

Ready to Tell All He Knows and Knows a Lot.

NOTHING CROOKED OR HIDDEN

Declares Business Has Been Concluded on the Square.

Says His Location Has Been Known All the Time.

That he is willing to tell anything he knows concerning the affairs of the White insurance companies noted on the hands of a receiver, is the assertion of M. A. Isaacs, formerly of Topeka. Isaacs declares he did not leave Topeka because of the storm cloud which hung over the insurance companies with which he is associated and that the state insurance department has at all times been in possession of his address.

When details of the state investigation of the White insurance companies became known, Isaacs' name was connected with the probe. It was stated that the Isaacs left Topeka with the state insurance department, and that he had been in New York since leaving Topeka. These facts, Isaacs declares, should not connect him with the insurance scandal.

Isaacs is reported to have been associated with the Central National, Topeka National Livestock and Topeka Mutual Livestock insurance companies. A receiver for these companies was appointed this week as the result of a suit filed by the attorney general's office.

Not a Stockholder.  
"I never owned and never sold any shares of stock in the Topeka National Livestock insurance companies," declared Isaacs in a letter today from Oklahoma City. "I never left Topeka hastily or in any other manner than requested by my employer. I have never been back to New York and never intend to, so far as I know at present."

Isaacs declares that he is willing to give testimony in the insurance probe and will appear as a witness at any place designated by the state insurance department.

"Personally," Isaacs declared, "at any time and at any place I stand ready to explain to the insurance department every act of each of the companies up to the date of my coming to Oklahoma City."

Further, the former Topeka man declares that nothing irregular has been done in the handling of the books of the companies with which he was connected. It is charged in the state's petition for a receiver and in a statement by J. Wilson, state superintendent of insurance, that the accounts of the companies under control of J. H. White are so muddled that it is impossible to determine the exact condition of any of the concerns.

To Isaacs, though, they are perfectly clear. For the time being, it is quite probable that he will be asked to come to Topeka and tell about a number of entries, which now puzzle state officials.

No Concealment.  
"No concealment was made from anyone of my coming and remaining in Oklahoma City," Isaacs declared. "Every act of the officers of the insurance companies mentioned, appears in the books of the companies. Nothing has been concealed from the companies or the insurance department."

He does not improperly or wrongfully, from a legal or moral standpoint, appropriate to his own use a dollar's worth of assets of either of the insurance companies. The insurance department has not called on me to explain a single entry in the books of either of the companies."

Following the filing of the suit against the White insurance companies, Clay Hamilton, a Topeka attorney and receiver for the defendant companies, Hamilton is a Topeka attorney and receiver for the defendant companies.

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Frenchmen to believe that the tactics of the past are not likely to be repeated; from now on they have determined that the war plans of the allies will be more flexible and that the coming year will register some real results.

The Balkan muddle has given France more anxiety, perhaps, than any other war phase during 1915. Frenchmen openly admit failure there, but diplomatically and militarily, Greece three times offered to join the allies, once even before the battle of the Marne in 1914, but each time she was refused a mission. Then, when the allies had fallen down at the Dardanelles and in Bulgaria, and asked her to come in, she had changed her mind and refused to join.

But, had France and the allies acted in concert and at the proper time there is not the slightest doubt that the Balkan muddle would have been cleared up. Bulgaria and Rumania would have been fighting on the allies' side and the multi-colored flags of Germany and Austria would have been floating over the minarets of Constantinople.

Change in Government.  
The resignation of Theophile Delcasse, minister of foreign affairs, was due to the Balkan developments. Some say he was forced to resign because of his long and adverse big stick methods in dealing with the Balkans. Others say he was forced to resign because his departure was the occasion of a complete reorganization of the government. Premier Rene Viviani resigned to make way for M. Aristide Briand. The presence of M. Briand as prime minister is significant. He is known as a man of action, of initiative and strong measures.

The nomination of General Joffre as supreme commander of all the French armies means two things. First, that Joffre will have absolute authority in disposing his armies and in the campaign; second, that the French people will have confidence in him. Competent authorities agree that German successes have been the result of a central control of effective, permitting rapid decisions quickly put into effect, whereas the allies have not acted properly in concert and when at last they have done so, they did get together, the measures agreed upon were slowly put into operation.

Summed up, France's last year has been largely one of preparation. She has been waiting for the day of execution. People here call the new cabinet the cabinet of victory, just as they call the new French loan of about 200 million francs, the loan of victory.

The Frenchman hopes for peace during 1916. He considers the American peace talk the greatest puzzle of the year because peace now could mean but one thing: Defeat for the allies.

The elevation of Joffre to his new position is an official commendation of his war policy, summed up by the experts as wearing the enemy down by "attrition," which Joffre calls "biting." Naturally this policy will be in force as long as Joffre is in the saddle. France made three heavy drives at the Germans during 1915, in March, May and September, but these drives were all failures. I am told, to test the strength of the German line, the French soldier will tell you that the French man-power will outlast German man-power, thanks to Joffre's nibbling; that sooner or later the German wall of steel will prove to be impotent; and, following a feeler the real drive will pour through the hole thus made.

A Berlin interview quotes General von Kluck as forecasting a drive towards Paris next spring. A French general told me that he hoped von Kluck was right, as in that case the slaughter of Germans would be on such a scale that the whole world would gasp, used as it is to baths in blood. Those who have inspected the some 50-mile width of American barbed wire between Paris and the front, while not doubting that another attempt is possible, or even probable, fail to base it on a success.

Comparative quiet along the western front until spring; then general offensives, both French and German, operations probable throughout the

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